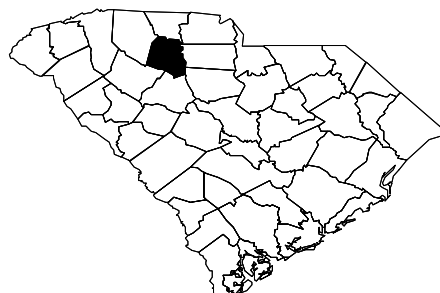


ASTHMA IN UNION County, 2003



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Impact of Asthma in the United States

- U.S Asthma cases more than tripled from an estimated 6.7 million to 21.9 million between 1980 and 2002.
- Costs for asthma have almost tripled from an estimated \$6.2 billion in 1990, to over \$14 billion in 2001.
- An estimated 9 million (12.5%) U.S. Children are asthmatic, more than twice the entire population of South Carolina.
- 3,964 people died of asthma in 2003.

Asthma in South Carolina

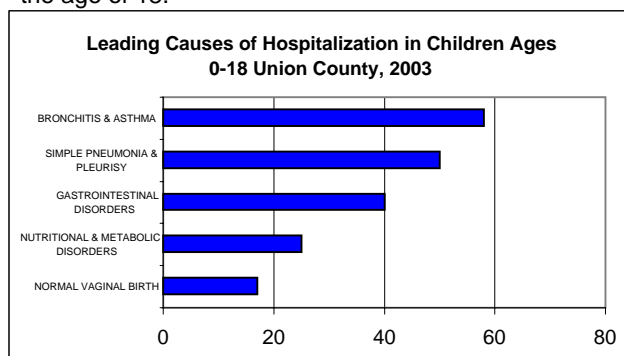
- Currently about 190,000 adults and 91,000 children suffer from asthma in South Carolina, based on 2003 estimates.
- In 2003, 1.4% (7,671) of ALL hospitalizations were from asthma.
- Asthma claimed the lives of 71 South Carolinians in 2003.

Impact of Asthma in Union County

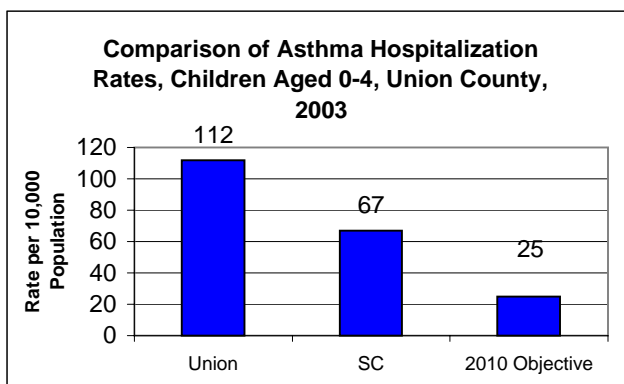
- About 1211 (5.4%, regional estimate) adults in Union county suffer annually from asthma.
- In 2003, there were 135 hospitalizations for asthma in Union county for all ages.

Children Suffer the Most from Asthma

- Asthma/ Bronchitis is the leading cause of hospitalization in Union county for children under the age of 18.



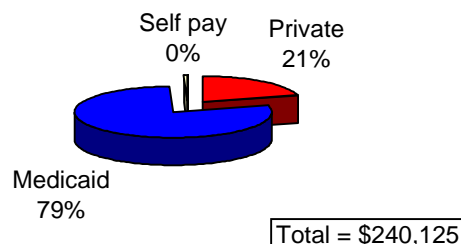
- In 2003, there were 33 asthma hospitalizations of children (<18 years) in Union county.
- Healthy People 2010 Objectives for asthma hospitalizations among children under age 5 years is 25 per 10,000 children. Union county had a hospitalization rate of 112 per 10,000 children under the age of 5 in 2003, compared to South Carolina's 67 per 10,000 children.



Cost of Asthma

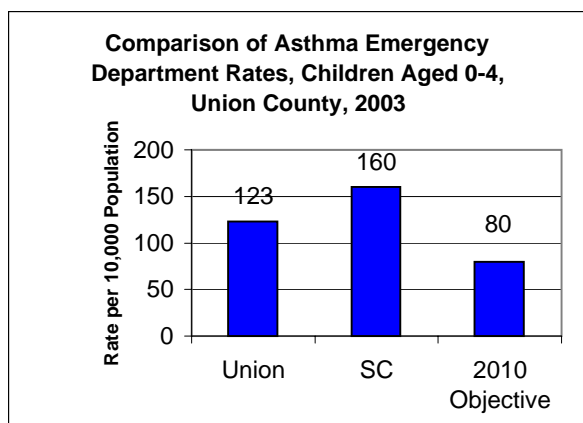
- \$240125 was charged in 2003 for hospital and ER visits in Union county for asthmatic children (<18 years).
- Medicaid covered nearly 79% of these charges.

Percent Distribution of Asthma ER & Hospitalization Charges of Children Aged 0-18, Union County, 2003



Emergency Room

- 69 children under the age of 18 visited the ER due to asthma in Union county in 2003. This represents 35% of all ER visits due to asthma.
- \$58866 was charged for ER visits in Union county for asthmatic children (<18 years) in 2003.



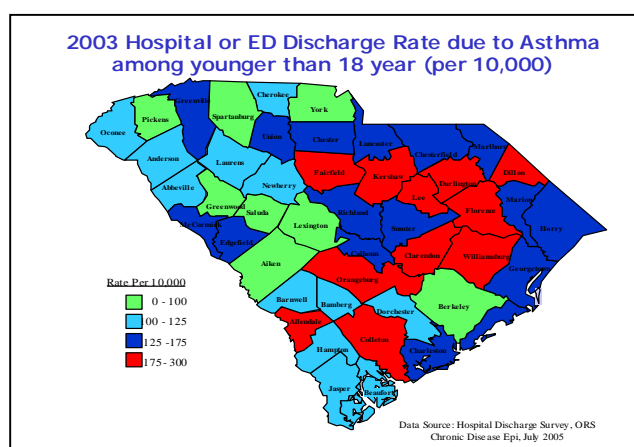
- Healthy People 2010 Objective for asthma related ER visits among children under the age 5 years old is 80 per 10,000 children.
- Union county had an ER rate of 123 per 10,000 children under the age of 5 in 2003, compared to South Carolina's 160 per 10,000 children.



Disparities

- Non-white children under the age of 18 visit ER more frequently than white children in the same age group.
- The ER rate among non-white children is more than twice as often as white children in Union.

Hospital and Emergency Room Visits Rates per 10,000 Children (<18 years), 2003				
	Union		South Carolina	
	White	Non-White	White	Non-White
Hospital	41.9	61.1	17.2	43.3
ER	61.6	167.9	54.6	187.6



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